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SUBJECT: BRITISH BUSINESSMAN CHARLES LOCKWOOD RESCUED AFTER
SECOND KIDNAPPING

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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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1. BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE IN PILAR REPORTEDLY KILLED
FOUR EXTREMISTS AND FREED CHARLES LOCKWOOD, 29 AUGUST. CIRCUM-
STANCES LEADING TO DISCOVERY OF EXTREMIST CELL STILL UNKNOWN.

2. REPORTEDLY, UPON POLICE ARRIVAL AUGUST 29, OCCUPANTS OF
SECLUDED HOUSE ON GOLF COURSE OPENED FIRE. WHEN THE INTENSE
GUN BATTLE ENDED, SECURITY FORCES DISCOVERED FOUR DEAD EXTREMISTS,
INCLUDING ONE FEMALE, AND ONE EXTREMIST SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. ALSO
IN THE HOUSE WERE INFANT AND CHARLES LOCKWOOD, ALIVE.
LOCKWOOD WAS EXTREMELY LUCKY. IN THE PAST, TERRORISTS HAVE
USUALLY MURDERED THEIR PRISONERS WHEN POLICE CLOSED IN.

3. ONE OF THE DEAD TERRORISTS WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE SOLDIER WHO
HAD BEEN INSIDE MAN FOR THE TERRORIST RAID ON THE FEDERAL FIRING
RANGE AUGUST 18 DURING WHICH CAPT. MIGUEL KELLER WAS KILLED.
SOME OF THE ARMS TAKEN DURING THAT RAID WERE ALSO FOUND IN THE
HOUSE WITH LOCKWOOD.

4. LOCKWOOD WAS KIDNAPPED JULY 31, 1975 BY EXTREMISTS
FOR THE SECOND TIME IN LESS THAN TWO YEARS. THE FIRST
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TIME LARGE RANSOM WAS PAID FOR HIS RELEASE. WHILE ON
SEPT 1 MEMBER OF LOCKWOOD'S FAMILY TOLD EMBOFF HE
PLANNED TO REMAIN IN ARGENTINA, FOLLOWING DAY,
BRITISH EMBOFF TOLD US HE HAD DEPARTED PREVIOUS EVENING.
THIS CONFIRMED BY FACT LOCKWOOD GAVE INTERVIEW IN
LONDON SAYING HE PLANNED TO RETURN TO ARGENTINA SOME
DAY, BUT "NOT NOW."
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